

May 31 deadline for lodging proposals to alter rateable values

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) today (April 26) reminded members of the public that they may search for rateable values effective from April 1 this year on the Valuation List and the Government Rent Roll on the RVD's website (www.rvd.gov.hk) or its Property Information Online website (www.rvdpi.gov.hk) by May 31.

Proposals to alter the new rateable values must be served on the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation (the Commissioner) by May 31 by submitting an electronic form (Form e-R20A) using the [Electronic Submission of Forms](#) service provided on the RVD website, or on the specified form (Form R20A). [Form R20A](#) is available from the RVD's website, or at the RVD's office or any Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department. Completed forms must be served on the Commissioner by personal service or by post. Proposals served by fax will not be accepted.

A spokesman for the RVD emphasised that under the Rating Ordinance and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance, proposals served on the Commissioner after May 31 would not be accepted.

"Notwithstanding the lodging of a proposal, payers of rates and Government rent must pay rates and Government rent by the last day for payment shown on the demand notes. We will carefully consider all proposals and inform the proposers of our decisions before December 1. Any changes in rates and Government rent payable resulting from such decisions will date back to April 1 this year and any overpayment will be adjusted in subsequent demands," the spokesman said.